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Panama's Resources.

Panama is not without development in the present or promise for the future, even away from the zone of great expectations along the canal. Minerals are in good evidence, gold, manganese, copper and coal being found in promising deposits. The central mountain ranges are but little occupied, and among them are many beautiful and healthy locations. There is a flourishing commerce, and some of the places along the seacoast are of importance. Bocas del Toro and the Chiriqui Lagoon region enjoy an active fruit trade, and land is still offered on favorable terms, some of it government land, to be had for the taking. Probably the hill country back of the Chiriqui Lagoon will become one of the most favored agricultural regions in the tropics. From Chiriqui southward, the coast is not much occupied. Nearing Colon, coconut groves become prominent, and on southward, among the islands of the San Blas coast, such groves become very abundant. In the interior of the San Blas country are lofty mysterious mountains, little known because the San Blas Indians are hostile. It is stated that among these mountains gold is abundant; and from their position in relation to other gold-bearing regions of Panama and Columbia, this is not improbable. Farther south, the limits of the republic of Panama are swamps of the Darien region.

Along the Pacific, the land is not greatly different from the Atlantic portions of the Isthmus, excepting that in the northern portions the hills come more frequently close to the sea, and at some places gravel bluffs and coral limestones are exposed to the action of the surf. Well off the coast below Panama city are the pearl fisheries, in the waters surrounding groups of islands, some of which are of considerable size, and whose climate is said to be delightful. Near the Costa Rica boundary on the Pacific side is the David region, a rich country, hospitable and eager for development, where Americans are sure of a hearty welcome.

On the swelling tides of the Pacific, one sees great steamers passing up and down the coast to the city of Panama, where commerce awaits, impatient at the barrier of less than fifty miles separating the mighty tides of the Pacific from the waters of the Caribbean, where the tide scarcely rises at all. The waters on either side of the Isthmus are as different as the waters of one side of the earth can be from the waters of the other side. Now the time is at hand when they are to be united.—From "Panama and Its People," by Francis C. Nicholas, in the American Monthly Review of Reviews for March.

The Need of a Primary Election Law.

The time is opportune for the consideration of a primary election law. The present system is so open to manipulation and the practice of methods that defeat the will of the people, that some change is urgently needed that will secure to them a more certain and sure means of expressing their will.

The present method of conducting primary elections leaves the result of them in the hands of a few machine wire-workers. Each party fixes its own time for holding primary elections, all different dates, leaving each of them open to the manipulation of their opponents. So much is this the case that respectable citizens are indifferent about attending them, feeling that by doing so they are only making themselves puppets of designing managers.

Our primary elections are the fountain source of our political machinery, and it is self evident that a pure stream cannot be expected from a polluted source.

It is surely within the province of the state to regulate this matter and it is the duty of the state to provide a primary election system that will secure to the people the opportunity, and the right to express their will to the fullest possible extent.

Primary elections should be held and conducted in the same manner as state elections. They should be held on the same day, fixed by the state, for all parties, and all parties should vote at the same polls, and the candidates for all parties should be placed on one ticket, and no one but a registered voter should be permitted to vote.

In such a primary election all parties would be occupied with their interests and could not afford to throw away their votes to influence the result of an opposing party.

A graduated moderate assessment

should be made on all candidates sufficient to pay the expense of the election.

All officials elected by the people should be nominated at the primary election.

It might be considered desirable to hold two primary elections, at different dates, one for candidates for the state legislature, state senate, congressman and all elective state officers, and one at another time for all county and local officers.

This is but a simple outline of a primary election system that would guard as far as the state could provide, the sacred right of the ballot to the people.—J. C. COOPER, in the Topeka Capital.

Dispatch Harmony.

For several years the republican party in Phillips county has been divided against itself. This condition, as all know, has resulted from the opposition to the methods of a certain set of self constituted political leaders by those who are generally styled by the politicians as just the "common people."

The great majority of republican voters are republicans because of the principles which the party represents. They believe it is the party that has contributed so largely to the nation's prosperity. They believe the country's need is always the paramount issue and they believe that the party should make it so. They do not believe that the sole purpose of the party is to elevate any man or set of men to particular prominence or power. They do not believe that the organization of the party ought to be controlled by politicians who pervert the power thus obtained to the accomplishment of their own selfish designs. The present division which all good republicans who believe as above have been trying to harmonize has resulted from just such action on the part of certain politicians.

At the recent convention it was believed that by mutual concessions on the part of factions and an agreement as to the policy of the convention, harmony could be produced and maintained. The proposition was fully explained to the convention and was carried without a dissenting voice, although it was known that many in the convention were strongly opposed to any compromise. The delegation was elected and agreed upon and instructed according to the terms proposed by the harmonizers, and the effect if all were to live up to the terms of the agreement would be the desired harmony.

But every one will not do so. Last week's issue of the Dispatch advises the delegation elected and instructed as above noted to ignore instructions of the convention. In that same article the editor states that he has no "desire to destroy the harmony that was manufactured at the convention last week." Perhaps the erudite and verbose editor of the Dispatch may be able to explain the consistency of that article and how the instructions may be ignored and the harmony not destroyed. Should any member of the delegation not vote in accordance to the instructions of the convention, that vote will be taken as

the evidence of a subterfuge of the machine element to gain a point they could not hope to win in a fair and open fight. It is to be hoped that none of them will be rash enough to follow the advice of the Dispatch.

Socialist Committee Meeting.

The county central committee of the Socialist party of Phillips County, Kansas, is hereby called to meet at the courthouse in Phillipsburg on Thursday, March 15th, '04 at 10 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of perfecting the county organization and to attend to such other business as may properly come before the committee. All socialists of the county are asked to attend and give your advice and assistance.

FRANK FREELAND, Chairman.
W. M. BABCOCK, Secretary.

Interstate Grain Canal.

D. W. Blaine, of Pratt, Kansas, is an enthusiastic advocate of the construction of a canal from the Missouri river above Pilece, South Dakota, southerly through Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas to Galveston. He proposes a branch canal and a storage reservoir on the Platte in Nebraska for irrigating purposes. The length of the proposed canal is about 1,250 miles and of the branch about 350 miles. Freight rates it is claimed will be greatly reduced by a canal. The matter will be presented to the republican convention, at Wichita, for party endorsement. Murdoch has promised to bring it before congress and an attempt will be made to have the construction of the canal provided for by the government. This is a big problem and the cost is estimated at \$100,000,000 yet the government is big enough for it if the eastern representatives can be convinced that they can spare enough from what they want for ship subsidies and harbor appropriations. Development of the interior is one of the greatest problems and one which will add as materially as any to the nation's prosperity.

Is The Wheat Damaged?

The winter has been remarkably dry and this fact has resulted in the considerable speculation regarding the condition of the wheat crop. Information gathered from various sources indicates that the condition is not the most favorable. Some state that much of their crop has winter killed and others who are as well posted say they have examined the grain and find it all right. The probability is that some of it is damaged to some extent but none is beyond hope of salvation by the spring rains which will come in the near future.

Japs are the Lost Tribes.

If the well known writer, Hagues Le Roma, is right, the war in the far east appears in a new and striking light. He says that the Japanese are none other than the lost ten tribes who settled in Japan under the King of Hoses in 1730 B. C.

The war, therefore, on the assumption of this theory, is simply in revenge for Kishinev.—Paris Cable to the Pittsburg Dispatch.

Wm. Douglass Home.

Wm. Douglass, well known here as a mechanic and inventor, has returned for a short visit with relatives and friends. For several years Mr. Douglass has been in Chicago and other eastern cities, working on the invention of an automatic straw binder which will manufacture its own cord from the grain while at work. The problem is solved and Mr. Douglass feels that he will soon reap the reward for his perseverance. Mr. Douglass has several important inventions to his credit already, among which are the barbers clippers. Heretofore others have realized the profits of his ingenuity. In this last it is to be hoped he will be more fortunate.

No Waiting.

The program rendered by the Schubert Co. is entirely devoid of waits. Pleasing the people is a trade with this famous organization and they know tiresome waits are not a part of an enjoyable program. Although their program is bright and entertaining and contains a great deal of pure fun it is so refined in character and the laughs so wholesome, that it is endorsed and patronized by the most select people everywhere. Hear them tonight at the Presbyterian church.

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—J. R. Connelly, Colby, Kansas.

A Fatal Accident.

One of the saddest accidents which has happened lately was that which occurred at the home of Frank Rizek, a few miles south of Munden last Friday evening.

It seems that Mr. Rizek had been to a sale and bought a gun with which he intended to shoot pigeons. He left the house with that purpose, and his little four year old daughter started to follow him. Her mother told her not to go, and peeled an orange for her giving it to her in halves. The child started to the barn and said she was going to take half of the orange to her papa. She had no sooner reached the barn yard, however, when a bullet struck the frozen ground and bounced up, hitting her and causing almost instant death. The little girl was the only child of Mr. and Mrs. Rizek and they are nearly frantic with grief. The father especially, whom it is feared may lose his mind. Much sympathy is extended to them in the loss of their little one.—Belle-ville Telescope.

Improvements at Depot

Reports state that quite extensive improvements at the depot are contemplated this spring. Details are unknown but it is said that the Ohmer house will be moved to the west, the yards widened out and several new tracks put in. A new depot is also said to be among the proposed improvements. This is not mentioned to dishearten Almena or Norton in their attempts to move the division from this place.

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J. F. MORSE, Agent,
Phillipsburg, Kansas.

Two-headed Calf.

Tuesday noon C. M. Poe placed a two-headed calf in the window of the Shimeall Clothing store. The calf was born near Kensington and was mounted by O. Wolf of that place. Both heads are perfect and distinct being joined just back of the skulls. It has been attracting considerable attention.

For Rent or Sale

On crop payments, several choice farms. Send for list.

JOHN MULHALL,
Sioux City, Iowa.

Tonight.

The Schubert Concert Co. will appear at the Presbyterian church tonight. This will be a fine entertainment and our citizens should not miss it.

Use Printed Stationery.

Every farmer as well as business men should use printed stationery. It is a mark of culture and progress. The HERALD will print you 100 note heads and 100 envelopes, both printed with name and address for \$1.25.

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Notice.

There will be a meeting of the stockholders of the Phillipsburg Co-operative Trading Co., at the court house on Saturday, March 5th, at one o'clock p. m. sharp. Please all attend. By order of Chairman.

—J. R. Breakey, Secretary

Royce Gets Judgment.

The Royce-McKay suit came up for hearing before H. Vincent at Marvin, Tuesday afternoon. Judgment was rendered in favor of Royce for \$32 and costs. Mr. McKay it is stated, believed that the trial would be held at Mr. Vincent's residence and went to the home where he was informed that it would be held in town. When he arrived judgment had been rendered. The case will probably be appealed to the district court on error.

Administrator's Notice.

State of Kansas, Phillips County, ss. In the matter of the estate of Gerrett William Hengevelde, deceased, late of Phillips county, Kansas.

Notice is hereby given that on the 15th day of February, A. D. 1904, the undersigned was by the Probate Court of Phillips county, Kansas duly appointed and qualified as administrator of the estate of Gerrett William Hengevelde late of Phillips county, deceased.

All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present them for allowance to the undersigned within one year from date hereof or they may be excluded from any benefit of such estate, and if such claims be not presented within three years from date hereof they shall be forever barred.

J. D. MATTESON,
Administrator.

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J. D. MATTESON,
Administrator.

FOR SALE—A good five room house and two full lots. Good location. Has city water, some fruit trees, small stable and coal house. This property rents for \$10. a month. \$700 gets this property if purchased soon. Inquire of W. H. PRATT, under Phillips County Bank.

Railroad Notes.

Mr. Crosby, relief agent is filling Mr. Hittle's place during the latter's absence.

Foreman Roberts has been transferred from Phillipsburg to Peoria, Ill. and left Saturday evening for his new position. He was well liked here by all the men, and all wish him success in his new field. Mr. F. W. Schultz succeeds him as foreman here and took charge Sunday morning.

F. J. Zanone, traveling store keeper for the Rock Island system, spent a day in Phillipsburg last week.

Another jack fell in the round house this week on account of a cable breaking; but in this case the cable was the only thing broken.

O. N. Hittle, agent, is taking a vacation and has gone east.

Tom Gravell has been appointed traveling engineer for the Colorado Division. The appointment to take effect March 1st. Until recently Tom has been running an engine on the Nebraska Division.

Chas. Wanda, a brother of our Mark, has taken the position of machinist made vacant by the resignation of Ed Nelson.

Ed Thomas has been trying to be sick but gave it up and returned to work Tuesday.

Charley Williamson, of the switchmen and George Garvin, of the car gang have been wrestling with the measles. They are both getting better now but we have been told that both the boys thought for a while that they had done their last railroading. This is the first time they ever had the measles and they didn't know just how sick they can make a fellow without killing him.

Several new men have been employed with the car men lately on account of the large number of bad order cars, and the sickness of some of the regular force. The new men are all from Missouri in that they have to be shown.

A new car of the Central Mexican railroad came in here one day this week with three pairs of wheels slid flat so badly that they had to be removed and new ones put in. Caused by air brakes being adjusted too closely.

Frank Hain spent Sunday in the country but he doesn't look as if he had rested very much.

The traveling store keeper is looking over the supplies at the different division points and having all surplus and out of date material shipped in to the general stores. He complimented Phillipsburg on the good showing made by the small amount necessary to be shipped in from here.

No. 2 Tank wheels were taken from the tender of Eng 16 the switch engine the other day because they were worn through the chill and pounded out flat. One wheel was flat eight and one half inches and the other one eleven inches. They were the worst we have ever seen and could be heard all over the yard as they limped along.

Bert Cochran's children are having the measles and Bert is laying off to take care of them.

Harley Rogers is also off on account of sickness. So many of the boys have been off lately on that account that it is scarcely news to mention the subject.

The summer supply of kindling wood is being unloaded now. Several cars have already been piled up. The wood averages from thirteen to fifteen cords to the car, and is composed almost entirely of slabs from the big lumber mills of the south.

Hugh Bailey was struck on the forehead a few days ago by the flying head of a bolt broken from a car with a hammer. It cut quite a gash and Hugh worked for several days with his head in a sling.

The New Orleans Grand Colored Concert Company will give an entertainment at the opera house on the evening of March 8th. The company comes highly recommended.

Advertise in the Herald.

Real Estate!

So many inquiries concerning real estate have been received that I have decided to transact a general land business in connection with my legal practice.

Those desiring to sell will find it of especial advantage to list their property with me. I have excellent facilities for this class of work and give each property personal and careful attention.

The demand for Phillips county land is constantly increasing and the price is becoming correspondingly higher. By purchasing now, you will increase in its valuation.

Besides Phillips county lands, I have lists of properties in various other parts of the state.

Courteous consideration and fair treatment to everyone. Come in and talk the matter over with me.

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